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Porcupine Ranch Fire –September 2

Moab, UT – September 2, 2008— The Type II Incident Management Team has turned the fire back to the Manti LaSal National Forest. One hand crew and two engines will be retained to work the fire to complete containment, which is expected by Monday, September 8.

In addition to continued firefighting work on the steep east side of the fire, crews will perform rehabilitation work on the containment lines along the lower part of the burn area.

All roads and recreational trails have been opened including the LaSal Loop Road. Some areas inside the burned area remain closed to public access, but they are interior lands absent of any recreational trails. Fire officials urge the public to **use caution when travelling these roads**, as fire vehicles and personnel will be present.

Total Personnel: 39 (20 firefighters , 2 engines, one helicopter on standby)

Closures: Horse Mountain and Grand View Peak area bounded by the LaSal Loop Road to the West, Bachelor's Basin Road to the East and Miner's Basin Road to the South.

The public information hotline has been closed; however, public inquiries can be directed to the US Forest Service office (435-259-7155).

As hunting season gets underway, area officials remind the public to be cautious when using fire. Make sure campfires are completely extinguished and be aware of your surroundings while outdoors.

For additional information and photos of the fire visit www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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